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"CAN OUR WORLD BE SAVED?"

EVER more people are asking this question with increasing concern. The radioactive poisoning of this planet, the decline in ethical standards, violence on a world-wide political scene and the precariousness of economic conditions - all this is comparatively easy to notice even for the less attentive observer.

It is very difficult, however, to try and assess what reserves of RESOLUTENESS are hidden in mankind's heart. Any attempt at bringing these reserves to bear on humanity's situation would be a formidable task. Much is said, written & prophesied on the IMPROBABILITY that mankind will try to change the course in time. Yet POSSIBILITIES, too, definitely do exist! Even while a majority of people might feel like resigning in the face of present or future trials there is no reason why the individual should not still be able to rise above the stars.

Today we should like to apply our cosmic approach as derived from ancient & recent sources of universal wisdom, to the anxious query above. Whether this, our Monthly Review's valedictory message will only kindle a light of hope or else fan some flames of enthusiasm into a blaze of wider action, we cannot say. We may however, say that in our opinion only a truly cosmic approach could

enable us to change the desparate query into a positive affirmation: We, all mankind, CAN save the world - with exertion, in time and to quite a considerable extent!

The onus is on the individual. To pass it on to Governments would mean that we are lost. The individual's heart and imagination must be won first. Then society's institutions can be made to carry the second load.

Mankind's Wise Teachers have always addressed themselves to the individual. More, in this present question too, APPROACH cannot do.

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Before practical measures can be discussed the deck must be cleared for a better understanding of mankind's historical errors and the difficulties standing in the way of a promising solution. There are three initial objections.

1. Destiny. - Is it not pre-ordained that those most terrible things will just have to come to pass in the "End

of the Times"? No, not preordained. It is only predicted on the basis of causes rooting in the distant past, covering even cycles upon cycles. It will therefore also be impossible to save ALL the world & mankind COMPLETELY at any rate. However, nothing is preordained but everything is ranged by its preceding events. Free & conscious determination can effect changes at any stage. Man is free to REACT to the gloomiest prospect. Even till his last breath - although by then the range of steps he can still take will, understandably, have narrowed down.

Man should react for the sake of his divine origin and for the sake of sheer common sense, without concerning himself with any ultimate outcome. By determined efforts he could raise himself above circumstances and influences and bring himself in tune with the universe and its harmony beyond even where worlds are in chaos.

2. Opposition. - There are hostile, negative forces to everything. This is a feature embodied in the cosmic design. There is only one approach to trouble & to negativity: to clutch the positive pole & TO HOLD ON for all one is worth! Never would ANYTHING have been achieved on this globe if man had taken resistance and opposition into greater account than they deserved.

3. The Time Factor. - No, it is NOT too late! In rising to a supreme task more is to be gained than material achievement. Whether success or failure confronting the outer personality, the true person inside, the inner man will gain from any experience. This will not pass from him. It forms the basis of his future life.

Apart from this it is true enough that we must make haste. The cycle is fast drawing to a close. A proximate sequence of instable years is from 1963 to 1965. Similar series are to come later. If we can safely wind our passage through them all, the ultimate test will await us at the turn of the century. We have a handful of years left in which to make a positive start, and 25 years to bring to fruition what we commence now.

Moreover, good causes too have been laid in the past. Not everything Man did in history was bleak, black and rotten. Their effects will enhance the good work. - We are not alone. In our midst live human beings of great wisdom, power & compassion, advanced specimens of the race. As from 1975 they will make their increasing influence felt. Let all who believe in those good forces look forward to the stimulus coming in at that time & in the meantime prepare the atmosphere by leading a clean & likewise compassionate life themselves.

We are not even alone on this planet either. On stars upon stars around us dwells Man's great family. We MUST have friends & brothers up there, it cannot be otherwise. They will not leave us without assistance, if we would but accept it.

Last not least, much of course depends on the degree of trust Man still has in the Father-God, and wherever consciousness of a divine guidance over human affairs has not completely been lost!

I. WHEREIN THIS CIVILIZATION HAS FAILED

It appears that any way of life is subject to the operation of universal law, or rather of one or another of its implications at a moment where proper equilibrium is being impaired. Wherever human action is at cross-purposes with the universal movement, cosmic "justice", "retribution" or "back-rush" operates to re-establish balance. This Man experiences as suffering. Until he "repents", turns away from "sin" or "cleanses" himself he will go on to suffer. Heeding this cosmic backrush & pressure upon him as little as he did throughout this last greater cycle, present individual sorrow is about to be augmented by the blows of a truly Cosmic Shock Therapy. The planet too will turn in convulsion & might let millions upon millions perish for the errors & ignorance - at times quite deliberately imposed - of past generations. Thus, the REATTAINMENT OF BALANCE must be the aim of all practical endeavours. Nature itself, responding, will heal the damage.

1. Killing & Violence. - From the cosmic viewpoint the universal injunction NOT TO KILL has been taken much too lightly for too long a time by too many human beings! Honest reflection will admit that Man has no right to kill and destroy anything, anywhere, other than under exceptional circumstances if he wants to be a CIVILIZED, not a primitive man. Wars do not count as exceptional circumstances, however "human-like" or "normal" this expediency may seem to the many.

Cosmic nature has given a birth right to every form making its appearance. If life spans on the lower rungs of the Ladder are sometimes terminated violently, then this is just what on Man's level he is supposed to have overcome by means of self-control and discipline. He is meant to rise a "lord" not only over outside material nature, but over invisible forces too! Only TRAINING in self-control can achieve this.

This aspect of CONTROL has fallen in so deep an oblivion that Churches and "moral theologies" have no longer any compunction in openly justifying defensive nuclear war. Cowardice has reached its pinnacle and so did cant, for once again a COMMANDMENT has been dropped! What kind of civilization is this where non-killing & non-violence have been written into its every Civil Code yet decapitation is practised under almost the same paragraph? What measure of civilized self-control or refinement has really been reached where people can preach THOU SHALT NOT KILL, then sit down to feast on KILLED calf, fish or fowl?

With Bible & other holy books in hand mankind has been lying to itself for too long a time. It must realise & insist that if the Father says Do not kill! HE JUST MEANS THAT, without limitation, reservations & excuses. He wouldn't be the Father-Creator human mind thinks He is if He had restricted his imposition to the non-killing of human forms alone. His Commandment is all-inclusive. The unequivocal recognition of this law in its comprehensive validity, plus a determination to ever more practise it would quickly cleanse Approach - March, 1960

our planetary and spiritual atmosphere, enabling mankind to really tackle its job.

2. Wrong Feeding & other Detrimental Habits. - Man is a universe in his own right, composed of living organisms from the tiniest cell to the last essential bacteria in his colon. This universe HE has to keep in balance. It has to be exercised, controlled & sustained by mindful practices & diet. Thoughtless habits of wrong nutrition, however, have landed man in the pit of agony & sorrow, bodily & mentally.

A study of the teachings of wise men of old reveals that they showed Men how to lead the right life morally & mentally but also how to lead the natural life by cleanliness & simple diet. As a matter of fact, this second appeal came first! They must "baptize", i.e. wash & bathe in water. And: "to you..every herb bearing seed..the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to you it shall be for meat". Unequivocal enough, isn't it? Yet fasting, inner & outer hygiene & simple habits in dieting as well as in pleasure, Man has forgotten even where they were cornerstones of many world religions. And unhealthy, overfed, constipated and self-poisoned bodies cannot but give rise to woolly and sensuous thinking. So if Man wants to bring again his nobler capacities - pure thought and intuition, determined will, valour, charity, moral astuteness - to bear on a task he must begin with his body. Then only can he sit down to disarmament talks with prospects of agreement.

Smoking, drinking, momentarily stimulating but in the long run damaging habits, drug addiction & other physical & psychic cravings will be on the way out once natural bodily balance is restored.

3. Exploitation, Monoculture and Pollution. - Man's approach toward his biological & material surroundings has long degenerated into one of grab & use. His materialism has led him to rigorously exploit all, fellow-man, animal, plant & the natural reserves at large. The exploitation of the primitive, the poor & the sick cries to heaven! Animals are no longer only bred, now they are

even being "mass-produced"! Plant-life is ruined on the most reckless scale, from overgrazing and veld-burning to cutting down whole forests for gutter press pulp-making. Soils are wasted away, the fear that natural reserves for power generation are giving in has gripped the technicians of this age.

Exploitation with its means of mechanisation & industrialisation have led to the cultivation of individual crops on vast acreages. This method of monoculture impairs the ecological balance in widest areas. Everything, from electrical potentials to microbiological life, is affected. Climatic changes, depleted soils, dustbowls, advancing desert conditions & a host of all kinds of "pests" are nature's answer to depraved Man's stupidity. Agriculture by reason of its very essence, does not lend itself to industrialisation and technicalisation. Mechanisation must remain within the limits set by age-old experience. The true husbandman gives freely of himself, not only in terms of sweat & toil but also in love, care & gratitude. He is a partner to nature & cooperates. He cultivates with care, and shares. He does not spray poison around, neither pollutes his food, nor air & water. Our soulless, technical civilization - as everybody knows and experiences - is sinning greatly in these respects.

Air pollution has doubled the death rate in some parts of earth. Radioactive pollution has doubled the amount of Strontium 90 in the bones of British children since 1958. And water pollution by chemical effluents & biological "pests" continues at such fast a rate that local authorities are running out of ideas and means how to meet this danger to Man's existence.

Man's chemistry, if opposed to nature's or rather Life's own chemistry will be his very ruin. But working with nature, assisting her in her aims & purposes - whether concerning man, animal or plant - will assure him of her providing him with everything that he needs, nay, even with more than he can use.

II. THE SEVEN AFFIRMATIONS

To undo the effects of these Man's failures & errors would mean to henceforth press forward in opposite directions, consciously, determinedly. Why can Man, well realising that this would be the logical course suggested by common sense yet not bring himself to entering upon it? It cannot be the WORK as such involved in the task. He daily proves that modern man is a hard worker. Nay, it is the work upon himself, the overcoming of his HABITS that stands in his way. Thus again, it is the age-old problem of changing himself, which confronts him.

Now, nature works by incentives and stimuli if it wants to achieve a particular objective. For his own task of self-progress, Man too receives incentives from out of his higher spheres, his mind. He has the longing for peace, beauty, contentment, happiness. Don't you believe in happiness? Don't we ALL STILL believe in happiness despite the rotten situation we find ourselves in?

Good. Man's incentives are ideals & virtues. He has had them with him forever. He has them with him now. But just as everything in nature depends on CHANGE, ideals also must be changed in rank & order now and again. If you live on the brink of war from day to day, "peace", "freedom" are just a little too remote for the moment to irradiate enough attraction & strength. In everybody's mind "peace" is too closely associated with two horrible world wars, the bomb cloud, failing conferences, abortive negotiations, futile summit talks. And our ideal of "freedom" is tainted by too much experience of un-freedom, coercion, economic exploitation, restriction, discrimination, and of dark powers working in human society with which we feel we cannot come to grips.

Thus it is more sensible to put our old ideals or the really highest ones, into the background for a while & to let our mind dwell on those which are closer to modern man's reality. Give mankind a new ideal closer to its present-day experience

& understanding, & it will be fired into action and reaction. But let it be preyed upon by political and economical systems which have no other ideals than gathering power & making money, and this who e planet will ultimately be in for it.

Reflecting on the cosmic approach and on the possibilities of saving the world - as against any probabilities that mankind would try it - we have come to arrange SEVEN AFFIRMATIONS, three of avoidance & three of exercise, in the following order:-

WE CAN SAVE THE WORLD	
Non-Killing	Simplicity
Non-Pollution	Trust
Non-Exploitation	Cooperation

In an epoch that reads "How to Make Friends", or "The Power of Positive Thinking" hardly anybody need be convinced of the truth in this law of Positive Thinking. Consequently the first essential in opposition to a veritable sea around earth of failure, frustration, want, emotional & mental negativity, is to formulate a positive assertion like a dam. Stability anywhere in our outer world cannot be reached before positive affirmations of the mind have not been cast like anchors into the ocean of spirit. Then only can we try to chain our daily difficulties & worldwide human affairs to such newly-won moorings.

Disarmament talks must fail since there is no incentive to disarm. The danger of an all-out nuclear war is no incentive but a threat. One must not mistake the one for the other. Only the bold can be incited to react to a threat. Impertinence our time has aplenty but boldness is just the thing it lacks. An incentive to disarm would be cooperation and partnership and nothing else! As no bad start has been made in this direction already with the idea of helping the underdeveloped areas, let us be bold & carry the idea one step further! Let the USA declare to be ready to start a seven-year plan directed at raising the Russian standard of living, let Russia declare to help Approach - March, 1960

the USA in a seven-year plan for peaceful research into space, and let them both declare to change political "spheres of interest" into cooperative "spheres of shared interest" - and suspicion will be on the wane, daily replaced by trust & a feeling of greater security! Let both powers declare to immediately cooperate in an all-out drive to banish famine from the poorer parts of the planet, with all other nations joining them - and all their time will be occupied, from the UNO to the last little local authority, with getting ahead on the job. Let us apply this approach to the other pressing tasks of RECLAMATION, REHABILITATION & PROVISION in the barest human needs, from Red China to Honduras, from Iceland to Australia, & there will be no time to think of war! Then, after the first seven-year period, then only let us take another look at voting rights, democratic "freedoms", sovereignties & any other national or international political measure of an incisive nature - and many of those incentives momentarily driving them to dangerous urgency will have vanished.

The ideals of Trust and Cooperation are tangible ones by virtue of experiences we daily can make. From the many unselfish deeds of which we may read in the "human angle" columns, to welfare, cultural, labour problem or scientific achievements on larger scale - trust & cooperation are still notions the commonest man can understand. No, even more! It is these ideals in the middle of social & economic insecurity, he even ranks before "happiness". Labour as well as Management would no longer go without both these principles, having come to value their inherent, workable truths after long decades of bitter feuding. In fact, it is the worker and the tiller on this planet in whose hands rests the delicate balance of mankind's future.

Simplicity, too, is a word that carries healthy and powerful associations, even in our often so highly extravagant civilization. It is a cherished guidepost & target in many fields of human activity, from health reform to art, from clothing to architecture. As a virtue in men of renown it doubly

enhances their popularity and fame. And while a strong element will no doubt always remain in human society that simply "hates" simplicity, austerity or renunciation - because for the time being it inclines toward luxury & licence - a majority of men will still prize simplicity all the more. In fact even today, those personalities in public life who carry away the real esteem & love of the masses are those who in an unassuming way have made the virtues of simplicity, trust & cooperation come true in their life.

It is a futile hope, of course, that earthman should change into a better Man in a day or two. He didn't do so for 5000 years & probably little enough in 5 million of years. Yet it is a justifiable hope that common sense & courage will combine in a great enough number of people used to do their own thinking to produce exertion. Otherwise it cannot be seen how the slower masses, pre-occupied with their daily burden, can gradually be guided out of detrimental into sounder habits. For it is when we come to the Three Affirmations of Avoidance that we really enter the battleground. But here again, if we want to make use of a universal principle, we would do good to stick to nature's method of stimuli & incentives. Again, the incentives in the spheres we now enter cannot be threat, coercion, moral intimidation or doomsday prophecy. The proper incentives are Example & Success. As surely as Bad Examples would lead a coming generation only into greater depravity, as surely can even the hardboiled profiteer be prodded into selfless action only by dangling before him the prospect of Success. No incentive will elicit more exertion in the field of Non-Exploitation than the successfully performed example of - non-exploitation.

Its practice would involve peaceful economic reform from rock bottom to top level. This seemingly unsurmountable difficulty within a greedy & reckless civilization cannot be tackled elsewhere than with & by the individual who is ready to really test the incentive & to turn his pri-

vate success into an incentive for others. This would affect not only single occupations but whole trades & industries. For example, drug house chemistry is exploiting a sick world with 200 & more percent profits. (Somewhere we read of 7,000%.) It is possible that ever more people will find they can regain health by simpler & cheaper methods, with the consequence of a waning demand and less incentive to produce these drugs. The facilities of drug house plants would then have to be used for producing something else. Somebody's brainwave could change the prospects overnight. The new product would have to be a boon to ALL mankind and on a non-exploitational basis. Maybe it would be say, some colloid of humus-promoting qualities for arid areas. The world's combined capacity in this industry would not be able to keep abreast with demand for years on end.

To view humanity's plea for Non-Exploitation as a threat to any economical system would mean to get it all wrong. A challenge to reform & to direct human inventiveness toward more altruistic projects than up to now, is no threat of ruin but the chance to turn away from a path that WILL DEFINITELY LEAD TO WHOLESALE RUIN if pursued much longer! Similar arguments apply to all other aspects of Non-Exploitation. The important point, though, will always be to change the incentive & the aims of the world-economic machinery first & then at a later stage to start considering how this economic system can work without money.

From a human viewpoint, Non-Exploitation does not mean that the rich must be deprived of their wealth but that the temptation be withdrawn to accumulate riches by dishonest & exploitational means so that the poor can become rich as well.

Non-Pollution begins with keeping our own body clean & unpolluted, too. We are fruit-eaters by reason of the anatomy of teeth and intestines & should again learn to avoid dieting on anything derived from dead animal matter. All possible objections to this proposition are being answered by examples of health & happiness already obtain-

ing in those who are living according to this universal law; we are spared the trouble here to further discuss these examples. Non-Pollution of our food, everybody will admit, is an essential. The problem is partly of agricultural & industrial & partly of scientific nature, for it is still widely denied that food-pollution to any significant degree does exist. Yet many successful examples are already at hand - contributed in the fields of organic gardening, biological food processing and biochemistry - to show that unpolluted nutrition is a feasable objective.

Non-Pollution in reagrd to the other sustaining elements, water and air, is intricately entwined with the problems of energy supply in this technical civilization. Typically, the sources & the means of energy supply are controlled by power groups. For this reason the individual has only an indirect influence on the situation but must continue to make his voice heard and to insist that energy resources, being God's gift to this planet, belong into the possession of all men. Here the cooperation exercised on international levels would lead to earlier remedies. Which does not exclude business & industry from starting any appropriate reform on their own initiative.

Non-Killing & Non-Violence though, must be insisted upon in a more rigorous & serious manner than has ever been the case before! The stand can be nothing less than NO killing, NO violence & NO hurting of life forms, high or low. The few ethically permissible exceptions can be counted on one hand. Whatever the misgivings being aired here, the point to remember is not whether the ideal can be fully realised forthwith or in ten or in twenty years. The point is that we at last turn away from thoughtless & exploitative killing and from reckless habits of destroying life forms left & right, in peace or in war, and that we take a first step in the opposite direction in CONSCIOUSNESS. We must drop the anchor of Non-killing into the waters of our conscience first. We shall soon find out how much chain we have to

pay out till it reaches the true bottom of our hearts. Even then, may it still slip for long distances, one day the anchor will get stuck in good ground in ever more hearts. - Man will have to relearn an old lesson: that thoughtlessness & destruction of life forms will lead to his own undoing but that compassion, the preservation & healing of life forms is the cement of the universe! The chances that he can learn this lesson in time, through incessant, forceful and pointed bombardment by those who already understand and practice this law, are as good as any others.

Concluding this chapter it might as well be pointed out now that the rigorous, uncompromising & compelling stand on the Seven Affirmations will hasten the BIG SEPARATION of men throughout this world. Henceforth people can only be for or against, for the Good or against & for everything evil. - No longer are there two ways about it. From now on the inner challenge, as embodied in these Seven Affirmations, will forever be with them. Nobody will be able to escape these challenges. If he turns away from them in public life or if he openly or tacitly turns them away from himself, his own inner and small voice will suggest them to him day & night. The simple reason for this is that everybody's Inner Man knows the Truth, hard of hearing as the outward personality may be. Everybody's Inner Man will be in liaison with the Seven Affirmations - whether the outer man's self does like them or not - SINCE THEY EMBODY SOME VITAL TRUTHS IN OUR TIME.

It will be Yes or No for the materialist without compromise. For saying Yes but continuing with all those malpractices, would simply mean self-condemnation! It will be Yes or No for the hypocrite, for the ridiculing debunker, for the gluttonous & the overbearing, for the hairsplitting intellectualist or the pious confessor of a creed. They will have to accept the Affirmations completely - and try their best living them - or else have nothing to do with them - and stand revealed as the true enemies of all mankind!

III. A PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Our discussion would be incomplete if we did not have some practicable suggestions to make. We append them here for all they are worth.

The practical approach must advance toward two aims at the same time, 1. to enlighten & educate the people by decent & responsible propaganda and by demonstration of successful proofs & examples and, 2. to unite all those who have accepted the Seven Affirmations so that by the concentration of their spiritual as well as physical force, power & momentum is gained. The tacit acceptance of the Affirmations will lead, in particular, to an increase in spiritual force. The open & public acceptance of the Affirmations will lead, in particular, to the strengthening of public opinion throughout the whole world - an opinion, as will be admitted, of singular & clear-cut solidarity.

1. Enlightenment. - There is no limit to what the individual, either singly or corporatively through associations, can do. After due study & a period of mind growth the individual can openly or tacitly accept the Seven Affirmations. By exertion, determination and quiet strength of purpose, or by vow, meditation and prayer, the individual can set about translating them into practice and action.

All associations, organisations & world institutions, after unanimous acceptance of the Seven Affirmations by their members, can incorporate them in their articles, constitutions or creeds. This would mean that their particular objectives and tasks of work would henceforth be carried on under the special aspect or emphasis of the Affirmations. Their instruments of work - printed matter, the spoken word, in whatever form employed - would be available to promote the further acceptance of the Seven Affirmations by ever more & more men. It does not matter whether any association's work is directly concerned with one or the other Affirmation or not. In their

formulation they nevertheless offer an opportunity for such association to fall in with a really global task of singular magnitude & importance, a task that concerns us ALL: the attempt to save humanity from more sorrow and suffering than it already has to bear.

2. The initiative should be taken by those associations which well have a direct interest in one or the other Affirmation & its implications - health reform, anti-atom, arboric societies, animal protection, plant protection, reclamation or social rehabilitation, etc., etc. - to convocate & establish a "WORLD COMMUNITY OF COOPERATION". Individual persons as well as associations & institutions can become members of this "World Community". There is no limitation to membership & the only condition is a declared acceptance of the Seven Affirmations on the understanding that honest exertions are made at all times to bring forth their realisation.

It would be against the inner meaning of the Affirmations, should such "World Community of Cooperation" be embarrassed by any political, economic, creedal or racial strings, ambitions or objectives. In these respects it must remain totally independent, especially financially.

Apart from forming the spear-head of a public world opinion which promotes the switch of approach to our planetary troubles from the present to a truly cosmic one, the most obvious & immediate task of this "World Community" would be to provide a global roof for all associations and/or their international bodies & thus to facilitate the coordination & unification of the various & special tasks in each particular sector or field of work at present carried out by such associations. It might be objected here that the UNO with its various branches & institutions & organisations is already engaged in this very task. The answer, of course, is that the scientific & other methods employed in these UNO organisations hardly anywhere represent the cosmic approach to any acceptable degree.

IV. FIELDS OF ACTION

Short reflection will convince that there is no single field of human activity that will be left undisturbed after individuals engaged in it have accepted the Seven Affirmations. These comprise our whole life. One or the other Affirmation & its challenge will always be present with us, no matter what we do. The test whether challenges are truly met or not, lies in whether the work performed obeys the Affirmations' ideals & their universal laws beyond. If the test shows that that particular work contains a true reflection of the ideal or of a universal truth, it has met the challenge. If there is no such reflection, the work has not stood its test. Thus there can be no dispute about the direction followed. Checked against the Seven Affirmations, motives and methods will reveal their true character.

Innumerable organisations are working already in the light of such cosmic approach. We are unable here to present any comprehensive picture of their functions or the good work being done. A mere hint, too, at a small number of principles, aims, tasks, methods, examples, results, already employed or being achieved, must suffice.

The stabilising, central pole in human society is and will always remain the family. Its salvation in the light of the Seven Affirmations (including reorientation of approach in education, social rehabilitation, penal reform & delinquency) is a task of primary importance. A return to natural living & the laws of natural healing (including pranic energy therapeutics & an extension of the natural health resort movement), non-pollution in the nutritional, emotional and mental spheres, will bring health. Land settlement (vide also Vinoba Bhave's movement) & extended family unit agriculture will increase social security; organic farming methods (including radionics) are the sound foundation of its existence. Slight overproduction by units will provide the rest of society with the healthiest food table ever.

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In a first cross-connection the significance of the re-establishment of ecological balances & of drastically increasing the vegetable biosphere stands out. What we need are trees, trees and a thousand times more trees all over earth; veld utilization by balanced biological methods; plant conservation and protection by non-burning, non-spraying, encouragement of "pest enemies"; soil fertilization by composting & milled igneous rock containing all elements plants need, less by compounds & manure; generally promoting plant growth by irrigation & humus formation, employing humus producers (vide also rainworms, Tennessee wiggler, etc.) on a wider scale. Earth - a GARDEN!

In a second cross-connection soil conservation & desert reclamation fill top places in the table of tasks. What Israeli kibbutzim (almost a "spiritual communism") in particular, but also governmental projects in many countries, from Baluchistan to South Africa and Texas, are doing is exemplary. Here is another terrain for world powers to join forces in cooperative work, as promising as the Int. Geophysical Year has been.

Non-exploitation in the animal kingdom will also lead to less breeding & the freeing of more land for cultivation. The increasing world population CAN BE EASILY SUSTAINED if Man is gradually brought back to his proper vegetarian diet. Finding the necessary substitutions for products hitherto won from the animal by killing - leather, pelts, etc. - will provide immense incentives for glass, plastic and other industries.

World-cooperative projects are water conservation & dam-building, afforestation, irrigation, reclamation from the sea, desalting, depth-bore holes, non-pollution of rivers, lakes. Numerous organisations and institutions are already engaged in such tasks. Let them, too, make the Seven Affirmations their guideposts. On the problems of non-pollution of the planet's atmosphere nothing more need be added here than that they should receive priority attention. The movement against nuclear experiments must be strengthened.

Returning in a circle to Man again there are yet so many world-wide problems - famines, refugees, health campaigns, but also production of & traffic in drugs, in depraving literature and films etc. - awaiting wider support, concentrated cooperation & general solution. A cosmic approach, as opened up by the acceptance of the Affirmations, would offer more avenues, possibilities, angles, methods for the tackling of these tasks than can be thought of under present-day conditions of materialistic thinking. We have hinted, too, at the possibilities of a smooth & peaceful reform in industry & business, but nothing stands in the way of parties, local authorities & governments either to adopt in time in ever greater clarity and by word and deed the principles of a truly universal approach.

In earlier times, dogmatism and doctrinism were the province of religions & churches. In our times these have suffered in authority. Instead science, and a science still very much steeped in materialism at that, has taken over from those previous doctrinaires. We do not venture to describe here, or touch upon, both the necessity & the possibilities which would call for & allow, the application of a universal approach! Mankind truly is enthralled by the science of this technical age! It will be strangled by it completely and unrevitably if a new mode of thinking, of open-mindedness, of tolerance, and the dethroning of expertism is not soon introduced into the realm of natural science & research and the mentality of their administration.

Philosophy & literature, law, religion & the various creative arts in their truly important tasks in human society will also find themselves being challenged & tested. The individuals carrying them will have to decide and to find their stand. There is little doubt that their minds, mouths, hands & pens, ears & eyes would find new worlds, opening before them were they, too, ready to awake. They would find that the universal perspective is the only one to advance them toward Life's truths; and from the optics of rationalism, surrealism or confessionalism it differs like Being from Appearance!

V. CONCLUSION

A steady, sensible and considerate attitude in fulfilling the various single & cooperative tasks is an essential not despite but because of the urgency of the problem. The same cosmic rules which would promote any well-intended effort can also ruin it if not all of them are heeded.

It is true too, that no man is better than the other merely because he won his enlightened outlook earlier in time. He who gets up at five in the morning is not therefore a better man than the other who rises at ten. He is in a more advantageous position in relation to numerous conditions & opportunities. From thereon everything still depends on what he makes of them as well as of himself. A vegetarian, for instance, is not a better man because he lives on the proper diet of the higher human, i.e. grain, vegetable, nuts & fruit. However, by efforts involving his whole personality, he works in a healthier body with greater chances of activating a healthier & less confined brain and mind, too.

Nature works in cycles & slowly. Even in times of the precipitation of effects, Man's response is slow. While indolence & inertness are partly nature's responsibility, a clogged mind is exclusively that of Man himself. We find too, that human memory is short, that human hearts can be abysmally ungrateful. Thus, any burden of the future, no, double the burden, must be borne by those, fewer in number, who can carry it selflessly, without disappointment or complaint. .

The planet's kettle is a-boiling. Temperatures are distributed quite unevenly. It is still time to lift the lid, to start the big job in simplicity, trust & cooperation by all nations on earth. Many good foundations are awaiting the builders. And he who works cannot war. But he who can join hands with his enemy is all the happier for it.

A wise man once said: "Exertion is greater than Destiny!" Exertion would prove too that

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